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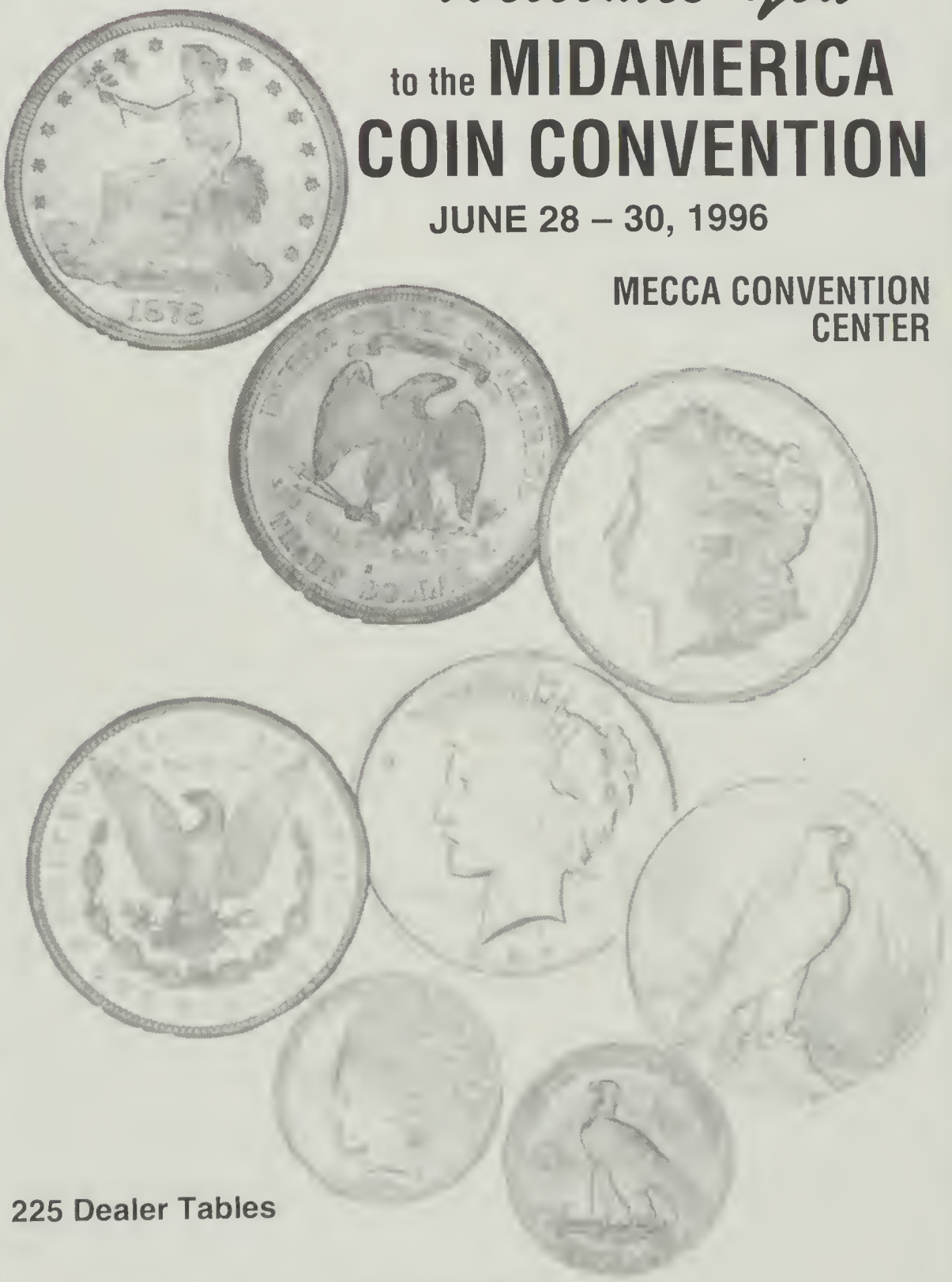

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Presidential Commentary

Kevin Foley

Our Milwaukee Convention is now history. The local committees can take a great deal of pride in having managed an event which, by all reports, was both commercially quite active and at the same time operated in a smooth and orderly fashion.

When attending a large numismatic convention, it is all too easy to overlook the countless hours of preparation and effort which went into the production of the event. In this case, volunteers from three host organizations, the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, the South Shore Coin Club and the Numismatists of Wisconsin, tirelessly donated literally thousands of hours of their time on a volunteer basis to make the convention a reality. Most of these people have only limited experience in convention production, which made their tasks an even greater challenge. When all was said and done, the consensus of those in attendance was that these volunteer committee members carried out their tasks quite admirably.

While there were literally dozens of people who helped with the convention, I feel that special thanks are due to General Chairman Bob Korosec and Bourse Chairman Russ Konig. Both are numismatic shop owners in the Milwaukee area and spent many hours away from their own personal business interests to devote to CSNS convention planning. CSNS Vice President John Wilson functioned as the Assistant General Chairman. While John literally worked on and off for several years on convention plans I know his efforts became virtually a full time job in the two months before the event as he spent hours beyond measure ensuring the scheduling and coordination of all arrangements. John might best be compared to the experienced sergeant whose almost intuitive knowledge of details makes his officers look like geniuses.

Another individual whose efforts especially stand out is Tom Casper who functioned as Security Chairman and, to my knowledge, never left the event site from the opening of the security room until its ultimate close after the conclusion of the bourse. With the large values present at a numismatic convention, security is a function the importance of which can not be underestimated.

One behind-the-scenes worker whose efforts should be especially appreciated by the bourse dealers was Annette Tramte, the Registration Chairman. In the past some CSNS conventions have been justly criticized for confusion during the important time when dealers are anxious to set up and are being processed for admission to the bourse area. Mrs. Tramte handled her responsibilities here with calm professionalism and contributed to the overali smoothness of convention operation.

While many other individuals' efforts were necessary to make the convention happen, these are a few whose efforts stand out in my mind.

We can all look forward to our already scheduled return visit to Milwaukee in 1999.

At its Saturday Board meeting your Governors took up the question of the future of Professional Numismatists Guild Day.

Prior to this meeting, a survey had been taken of the general membership in which proponents on both sides of the issue had been asked to present their opinions as to why PNG Day should be either continued or discontinued. With roughly 650 survey forms returned prior to convention time, there was roughly a two to one margin in favor of discontinuing PNG Day.

The Board encouraged individuals on both sides of this issue to appear before it and share their opinions and on Saturday roughly 25 members came for this purpose and shared their views with the Board for a one-hour public discussion period.

Ultimately the Board voted to direct the President to engage in discussions with the leadership of PNG to identify ways in which PNG day could be continued while at the same time addressing the concerns of those who felt that the existence of PNG Day is inherently unfair.

I will be doing this in the weeks ahead and hope to present for Board action at our fall meeting a revised PNG Day structure which will hopefully address the concerns of all involved and result in a total convention format which both the opponents and proponents of PNG Day will agree will improve the overall convention.

Kevin Foley
President

A Message from the Secretary

Jerry Lebo

Our Milwaukee convention is now history, and in itself was historic from several standpoints.

The membership ratified two amendments, one of which reduces the number of CSNS governors from 13 to 10 in a cost saving move. This amendment to the bylaws was not without opposition, however. It passed by a vote of 16-12. Effective with the election next year, the CSNS governing board will be composed of just 14 voting members: the governors, president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and immediate past president. The legal counsel and editors are non-voting members because they are appointed, not elected.

Opponents of the amendment argued that fewer governors' seats will make it more difficult for collectors to win election over better-known dealers. Proponents argued that the elimination of the three positions will save the society about $3,000 a year in expenses.

Amendments to the constitution and bylaws that affect the voting rights of members are subject to ratification at the annual general membership meeting. Because of the closeness of the aforementioned vote, several board members are now questioning the concept of a voice vote at a meeting that many members can't attend because they don't go to every convention in the various cities we visit. Consequently, there is some consideration being given to changing the ratification process to a mail ballot. More on that later.

The other amendment, this to the constitution, was approved without opposition. It lowered from 19 to 18 the age for regular membership in the society.

The most controversial subject to come up at a CSNS convention in years involved the practice of having PNG Day on Thursday prior to the regular Friday-Sunday convention. Being a new member of the board, I personally was surprised to realize opposition to this special day has been festering among more than a few CSNS members who do not belong to the Professional Numismatists Guild. Results of a mail survey among our members showed 436 opposed to PNG Day with 219 in favor.

Comments on both sides of the often emotional controversy ranged from hard-core support or opposition to those calling for a modification of the arrangement that dates back 25 years. After a lengthy debate, the board voted, 11-3, to open negotiations with PNG to reach a new agreement that hopefully both sides can live with. It is my personal opinion that the board was correct in not rushing to judgment in favor of either position, but instead will seek a compromise that both sides can live with. Old-timers readily point out that PNG rescued a floundering CSNS show years ago. Still, we can't ignore the opposition voiced by two-thirds of the members who took time to return the survey.

President Kevin Foley addresses the issue in more detail in his column elsewhere in this issue.

One final comment on the survey: Several respondents complained, and rightfully so, that the questionnaire which contained an April 6 deadline didn't arrive until after that date. Although it contained my return address, the questionnaire was printed and mailed in Milwaukee. Problems with the printer and mailer resulted in the tardy delivery. However, let me assure you that all ballots received by Tuesday, April 25, were counted.

I arrived in Milwaukee Wednesday and immediately joined President Foley and Vice President John Wilson in preparing the hospitality suite at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. General Chairman Bob Korosec and Bourse Boss Russ Konig already had the bourse pretty much set up, thanks in no small part to the roller skating Dick Peterson and properties manager Ken Houk. Annette Tramte had her crew all lined up to handle dealer registration, which is a critical key to any convention.

PNG Day was in full swing when yours truly arrived on the bourse floor Thursday morning to deposit various material at the CSNS booth. There was Rollie Finner (minus

an ill Betty Finner) already handling PA announcements from the adjoining booth. The day went rather quickly and the time arrived for other CSNS dealers to check in and man their bourse tables at 7 p.m. Activity was brisk, to say the least, before the room was closed for the night two hours later.

The convention was well advertised in hobby publications, local print and local broadcast outlets, so it came as no surprise that attendance was on the high side as the show opened to the public Friday.

Among the early arrivals were some familiar faces, including past presidents Ray Lefman, Marge Hendershott and Ralph Hardman. Ralph, incidentally, is general chairman for our next outing in Kansas City. Ray, who earned the title "Mr. Central States" during his long CSNS board tenure, was joined by wife Betty while Marge was accompanied by hubby Bob Hendershott, who is touted as "Mr. Fun" for his long involvement in the Florida United Numismatists.

This entourage was complemented by Gloria Owen, widow of immediate past president Leonard Owen. Gloria later (at the Saturday night banquet) would present the President's Medal and then learn it had been named in memory of Owen. Additionally, the board of governors voted to name an exhibit award (the ancients category) in memory of the late George Beach.

In addition to Leonard and George, CSNS also lost several other members during the year, and their names are inscribed elsewhere in this issue. Among them were former presidents James Curtis, Harry X Boosel and Philip More and former governor Orlane Kittle. Additionally, Lake Region Coin and Currency of Devils Lake, ND, made a $100 donation to CSNS in memory of Marvin Jacobson, who lived in Maddock, ND.

Exhibit Chairman Bill Mross rounded up an outstanding array of displays. Congratulations to Jack Huggins for his best-of-show award. Jack also pitched in to help other exhibitors during the set-up period.

Governor Brian Fanton helped yours truly in the final sale of the 1989-issued 50th anniversary medal. About two dozen proof specimens remained unsold. Rather than melt them, we decided to make them available for gifts, door prizes or whatever. No more are for sale.

Ray and Fran Lockwood manned an "Indiana '97" booth to promote the 1997 CSNS convention in Indianapolis, as well as to pass out bourse applications for the Indiana State show in June of this year.

The Saturday night banquet was well attended with Chet Krause serving as master of ceremonies. The attendees also included ANA President David Ganz, Vice President Ken Bressett and Governor Helen Carmody, along with our own Florence Schook, who serves on both the CSNS and ANA boards and is a past president of both organizations. Incidentally, Florence's traditional Young Numismatist program Saturday afternoon drew a full house.

Certainly many other events transpired, including educational programs by Anthony Swiatek, Leon Saryan and David Sundman. Heritage Auctions staged a successful bullet sale, and there was the Friday luncheon and tour that attracted many participants.

So these are some of my memories of our 1995 convention. In my mind, it was a glowing success. However, as the old line goes, we won't know for sure until we read Cliff Mishler's column.

—Jerry Lebo
Secretary

In Memoriam

The Board and membership of the Society join in extending our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the following members who passed away recently.

L 102	Rolland H. Willis	Greenfield, IN
R 2814	Marvin Jacobson	Maddock, ND
R 4867	Robert G. Rehfeld	Wauwatosa, WI

Membership Applications

The persons named below have applied for membership in the Society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his or her application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that date.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

7216	Charles Lida	Chesaning, MI

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

7154	Max Garrett	Edina, MN
7155	Robert Glassman	Glenview, IL
7156	Kent Ponterio	San Diego, CA
7157	John Kozieki	Glenview, IL
7158	Larry Hintz	Glenview, IL
7159	Judy Drewek	Tiburon, CA
7160	George F. Neuner	Milwaukee, WI
7162	Carter Collins	Mill Valley, CA
7163	Paul Charlton	Littleton, NH
7164	Ed Hennessey	Littleton, NH
7165	Paul K. Lorenz	Madison, WI
7166	Richard Arnold	Pekin, IL
7167	Victor England	Lancaster, PA
7168	Barry Murphy	Lancaster, PA
7169	Will Rossman	Dallas, TX
7170	Denise Price	Dallas, TX
7171	Benjamin A. Wedding	Houston, TX
7172	Daria McNabb	Houston, TX
7173	Tyrone Sharpe	Minneapolis, MN
7174	Gregory Sehwinn	Bloomington, MN
7175	Mike Faraone	Columbus, OH
7176	David Lisot	Richardson, TX
7177	June Gaylord	Fowler, IN
7178	Julio Rodriguez, Jr.	Milwaukee, WI
7179	David Consolo	Solon, OH
7180	David Wooden	Oshkosh, WI
7181	Rich Meyer	Oshkosh, WI
7182	Harry Klepper	Freeport, IL
7183	Mark Alberici	Fortson, GA
7184	James Skwarek	Milwaukee, WI
7185	Helen Lukacs	Solon, OH
7191	Kimberly Pichler	Iola, WI
7192	Louis Pearlman	Cherry Hill, NJ
7193	Stanley A. Furman	Miami, FL
7194	Jeff Lindstrom	Joliet, IL
7195	Keith Candiotti	South Miami, FL
7196	Chris Young	Tilghman Island, MD
7197	Antoinette Grego	San Clemente, CA
7198	John Reed	Joliet, IL
7199	Charlie Browne	Tampa, FL

7200 Rob Westfall ..... Tampa, FL
7201 Billy Fry ..... Tampa, FL
7202 John McIntosh ..... Sacramento, CA
7203 Warren Kolanda ..... Naples, FL
7204 Tom Holm ..... Milwaukee, WI
7207 Beverly Howe ..... Santa Ana, CA
7208 Lyle E. Wing ..... West Allis, WI
7209 Lucien L. Birklen ..... Washington, DC
7210 Bill Rubinson ..... Mauldin, SC
7212 John R. Brixey ..... Rock Island, IL
7213 Irene Kline ..... Ankeny, IA
7214 J.T. Stanton ..... Savannah, GA
7215 J. David Thacker ..... Hartford, TN
7217 James C. Waswick ..... Chesaning, MI
7218 Dave Horman ..... LaCrosse, WI
7219 Todd Griffiths ..... Alhambra, CA
7220 Mike Fuljenz ..... Beaumont, TX
7221 William M. Rosenblum ..... Evergreen, CO
7222 Tom Rinaldo ..... Bolings, CA
7223 Ed French ..... Palm Harbor, FL
7224 James F. Browne ..... Broomall, PA
7225 John Russ ..... Maumee, OH
7226 Dale Moore ..... Amarillo, TX
7227 Linda F. Dieter ..... Overland Park, KS
7228 Lewis Johnson ..... Dallas, TX
7229 Dorothy Johnson ..... Dallas, TX
7230 Steve DeFalco ..... Atla Loma, CA
7231 Patrick F. Clark ..... Worcester, MA
7232 Mark Heitz ..... Bloomington, MN
7233 Jay Rudo ..... Dallas, TX
7234 Joe Pankratz ..... Appleton, WI
7235 Michael Schiller ..... Green Bay, WI
7236 Mary Beth Schiller ..... Green Bay, WI

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

7161 Jennifer Wolf ..... Wahpeton, ND
7186 A.J. Santiago ..... Barrington, IL
7187 Alan Worthington ..... West Chicago, IL
7188 Heather Kaplan ..... Skokie, IL
7189 Dave Karrow ..... Oak Park, IL
7190 Kelly Skibiski ..... Barrington, IL
7205 Vincent Shimkus ..... Big Rock, IL
7206 John P. Podboy ..... Whitefish Bay, WI

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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581 Dennis E. Steinmetz ..... Lancaster, PA
582 Dwight N. Manley ..... Santa Ana, CA
583 Harold T. Miller ..... Patchogue, NY
584 Jim Halperin ..... Dallas, TX
585 Robert L. Pimlott ..... Madison, IN
586 John Paul Sarosi ..... Johnstown, PA
587 Kathy Sarosi ..... Johnstown, PA

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Burl Armstrong ..... Fort Madison, IA
William A. Burd ..... Oaklawn, IL
Laura Kroh ..... Ormond Beach, FL
Amy Person ..... San Diego, CA
John Robinson ..... Adelphi, MD
Joseph S. Sary ..... Redford, MI

In Memoriam

WILLIAM A. PETTIT
1928-1995

William Pettit peacefully passed away May 21st after an eighteen month battle with leukemia.

Pettit was born and raised in Lansing, Michigan. Upon his graduation in 1954 from Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana, he moved to Chicago and began working in the Marshall Field's Store for Men. Two years later he transferred to Field's coin department and began a numismatic career that would span four decades.

In 1961 he moved to Louisville, Kentucky to manage the coin department of Stewart's Department Store, but returned to Chicago the next year to work for the Rare Coin Company of America where he remained until 1977.

At that time he relocated to Iola, Wisconsin to become the Research Specialist of Krause Publication's catalog department. While there, he co-authored the Standard Catalog(s) of German Coins, World Coins - 18th Century, World Crowns & Talers, World Gold Coins and World Paper Money.

He was employed by Peter Kenedi & Co. in California for one year and in 1988 became the Director at the New London Public Museum, New London, Wisconsin.

Pettit was member 822 of the Chicago Coin Club, was a Past-President (1973-74), recipient of the Medal of Merit (1977), two silver Cabeen Awards (1969-70) and the Literary Award (1967). He organized the first two Chicago International Coin Fairs (1976-77) and was the General Chairman of the 1976 Central States Numismatic Society Convention in Chicago.

He also organized several Chicago Coin Club Fall Festivals held in conjunction with the Professional Numismatic Guild. It was at the 1976 event that Pettit brought about the joint exhibit of the first struck Columbian Half Dollars from 1892 and 1893 which were (and still are) housed at the Field Museum of Natural History and the Chicago Historical Society.

Pettit was appointed by President Johnson to the 1968 U.S. Assay Commission. Representing Krause Publications, he traveled to Manila in 1979 to attend the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Philippine Numismatic and Antiquarian Society. On the way home he stopped in Hong Kong and visited the library of the Chartered Bank and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Company to research their banknotes. In 1989 he was appointed a Numismatic Ambassador by Krause Publications.

Pettit's interest in coins began as a boy during the 1930's. His father and uncle ran a gasoline station and his interest was piqued by the Indian Cents they set aside. After moving to Chicago, he stopped in Ben's Coin and Stamp on Clark Street. He already had a deep interest in history and later would recall how impressed he was with all the historical coins for sale! It was on this visit that he purchased his first coin — a 1947 Mexican 5-peso of Cuauhtemoc, which remains a part of his collection to this day.

Over the years, Pettit collected U.S. Colonials, English Shillings and a complete set of Swiss Shooting Talers. He also was interested in the lost coins from the State of Franklin and Hebrew writings on non-Judaic coins. He will best be remembered for his specialty collection of numismatic artifacts of pretenders to the thrones of Europe. He always liked to use a sports metaphor and say that these were the coins issued by people who "eliminated in the semi-finals." He also collected historical and geographic newspapers and volume 1, number 1 periodicals of all kinds.

He was Past-President of the Aurora Coin Club, and La Societe Americaine Pour L'Etude De La Numismatique Francaise. He was also a member of the American Numismatic Association, Central States Numismatic Society, Friendly Numismatists, Morton Grove Coin Club, Calumet Numismatic Club, International Bank Note Society and the Numismatists of Wisconsin.

Any numismatic information Pettit had, he shared freely and he genuinely encouraged others to learn more. His patience with customers, particularly young collectors, was well known. He had a deep booming voice and was a popular speaker locally and on the national scene. Pettit was a roving ambassador for the Chicago Coin Club, telling everyone how dedicated it was to education.

Following his request, there was a private family service and there was a celebration of his life at an open house, United Methodist Church in Iola, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m., Saturday, May 27th. He is survived by Phyllis, his wife of thirty-eight years; two daughters: Leslie, Indiana, and Renee Schoengerdt, Kansas; and his son Jeffrey, Arizona.

CSNS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Milwaukee, WI, April 28, 1995

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Foley. Roll call showed all members present except Allen Karn (excused), John Wilson, Florence Schook and Bill Mross (all tardy).

A moment of silence was observed for deceased members.

The board accepted President Foley's nomination of Ron Horstman to replace the late George Beach as a governor.

The minutes of the board meeting in Fort Mitchell, KY, Sept. 16-17, 1994 were accepted.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

The secretary's report was accepted. Several letters were noted, including a sympathy card from ICTA noting the death of past President Leonard Owen and a thank you note from the family of Leonard Owen.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Harry Tileston and Paul Padget said monitoring should continue to make sure cost saving measures are maintained.

Treasury Oversight: Harry Tileston and Marv Mericle report no problems.

Editors and Advertising: Jim Jach noted The Centinel received second place award from ANA in its regional contest. The Centinel will continue to be printed at M&D Printing. Jach said he felt it is not necessary to increase the fees paid to authors at this time.

Medal of Merit: Kevin Foley said no medal will be presented at this convention.

Historian: Kurt Kreuger said we should be mindful of those who preceded us.

Future Site Coordinator: Leon Thornton said he has visited the convention center at Columbus, Ohio. The center is an excellent facility and there are three hotels nearby. Leon recommended CSNS have a spring convention in Columbus. President Foley directed Paul Padget to contact Allen Karn and Ron Crouch to investigate the possibility. He also suggested board members talk to others, including dealers, about Columbus.

Current Convention: John Wilson noted dealer attendance is down from previous years in Milwaukee. He said preparations are already under way for the 1999 CSNS convention in Milwaukee.

Bradford Award: Jim Jach said the award will be presented at the Saturday night banquet.

Exhibit Rules: No report.

Young Numismatists: No report.

Scholarship: Roger Winkelhake said no adult applications were received; that no rules were in place either. Roger presented a draft to be finalized later.

Guests were asked if they had any comments. Gloria Owen thanked the board for inviting her to the convention following the death of her husband, Leonard. She also asked the board to consider support for the Byron Reed Historical Society, which is trying to preserve the entire Reed collection in Omaha, NE.

Legal Counsel: Bill Mross said the insurance coverage CSNS has appears to be in order.

Dealers: No report.

Convention Manual Revision: Jerry Lebo noted a refund check issued by the Chicago convention committee in 1993 was submitted to the 1995 Milwaukee committee to pay for a table, many months after the account was closed. Ron Horstman motioned and Jim Kaczor seconded that the convention manual be revised to require that local committee checks contain a 90-day expiration notation. Approved.

Board Size: President Foley noted the amendment to reduce the number of governors to 10 will be considered by the membership Saturday afternoon.

Old Business:

Telephone card: No follow-up was made to the presentation at Fort Mitchell last fall. President Foley reported that during the interim, he accepted a proposal from Bob Mish of USA Card Corp. to issue a card for the convention at no cost to CSNS. He issued a $5 face card, 1,000 in number, with 300 given to CSNS. The practice will continue at future conventions.

Budget: Continued to fall meeting.

Bylaws: Bill Mross said he was working on developing criteria to define duties of officers.

PNG Day Survey: Members were advised to review commentaries from respondents. Jerry Lebo reported survey returns were 2-1 against PNG Day. Subject to be taken up Saturday. President Foley admonished board members that this is probably the most important decision the board has faced in a decade and that the organization will be judged by its commitment to fairness. Marv Mericle said he believes the survey was unfair in that it was not presented as earlier discussed. President Foley said he decided, in preparing the survey, to cut to the core and ask for a yes or no answer. It also was noted that the survey appeared to be late in mailing. President Foley said the problem involved the mailing house used to distribute the survey.

Diane Piret of the Industry Council for Tangible Assets appeared before the board to report on ICTA activities. She discussed various tax proposals as well as new regulations being prepared by the Federal Trade Commission. Diane said there is concern about one FTC proposal involving telemarketing. She said it would have adverse effects on anybody discussing business over the telephone, including collectors and occasional dealers. Leon Thornton motioned and John Wilson seconded that CSNS pay its $200 dues and make an additional $700 donation to ICTA. Approved.

Auctions: President Foley noted we're in the second of a three-year contract with Heritage Auctions. He directed Jerry Lebo to solicit bids from auction houses for subsequent years.

Editors' fax: Jim Jach said they still want a fax and are still reviewing options.

Medals: Jerry Lebo reported the remaining supply of 1989 anniversary medals are being sold at the convention. (Note: all business strikes were subsequently sold; about 30 proofs remained. We decided to retain these for use as door prizes, gifts, etc. No more will be sold. - JL)

Future Conventions:

Kansas City, 1996: Ralph Hardman presented a tentative budget and floor plan. Marriott will be the host hotel.

Indianapolis, 1997: Jerry Lebo said planning is well under way.

St. Louis, 1998: Ron Horstman said exact dates will be firmed up later.

Madison, WI: Pete Phillips said the local club has withdrawn its invitation to host a fall convention.

Milwaukee, 1999: John Wilson said nothing definite has been done regarding personnel.

Other invitations: None received. Brian Fanton said there might be an invitation from Iowa coming for a fall convention.

The board accepted an invitation from Paul Padget to meet in conjunction with his Drawbridge Show at Fort Mitchell, KY, Sept. 15-17, with a free Sunday morning breakfast thrown in.

New Business:

Secretary's Equipment: Jerry Lebo asked for permission to buy laser printer equipment. Leon Thornton motioned and Brian Fanton seconded that up to $2,000 be spent. Approved.

Bourse Signs: Leon Thornton motioned and Roger Winkelhake seconded that up to two signs per booth be allowed, one free and the second at a cost of $10. Approved.

Booth Personnel: Paul Padget will check with FUN regarding its policy on collecting dues from dealers at registration booth.

Awards: President Foley suggested the President's Medal be named in memory of Leonard Owen. So motioned by Leon Thornton. Seconded by Roger Winkelhake. Approved. Leon

Thornton motioned that the first-place award in the exhibiting category of Coins Prior to 1500 A.D. be named in memory of George Beach. Seconded by Brian Fanton. Approved.

Logo: At the suggestion of John Wilson, Leon Thornton moved and Marv Mericle seconded that the president, secretary and coordinator be empowered to permit the use of the CSNS logo on non-profit issues in connection with the convention with no cost to CSNS. Approved.

President Foley suggested the board consider, at the fall meeting, the concept of amending the Constitution and Bylaws to require written ballot questions involving the voting rights of members. (Currently done by voice vote at the general membership meeting.)

Meeting adjourned.

CSNS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Milwaukee, WI, April 29, 1995

President Foley called the meeting to order.

Roll call showed all members present except Allen Karn (excused), Florence Schook, Roger Winkelhake and Bill Mross (all tardy).

Bob Korosec, general chairman of the Milwaukee show, reported all proceeding well with good attendance. He said the show was well advertised. The bourse wound up with 273 booths.

PNG Day Discussion:

Secretary Jerry Lebo reported all returns received through April 25 were counted, that an April 6 deadline was ignored because of delays involving the printer and mailing house. There were 655 ballots returned out of more than 1,800 mailed. 436 opposed PNG Day, 219 favored continuing PNG Day.

PNG President Ira Goldberg and Past PNG President Leon Hendrickson addressed the board, speaking in favor of continuing the special day. Several others in attendance spoke against it. Following considerable discussion by those speakers and members of the board, Ron Horstman made the following motion, seconded by Leon Thornton: That dealer set-up be from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Thursday with the bourse open to the public Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and that Friday be designated as PNG Day with PNG members having a special section.

Florence Schook made the following motion to amend, seconded by Harry Tileston: that CSNS enter into negotiations with PNG to reach a mutually agreeable solution. Approved 11-3.

Young Numismatists: Florence Schook nominated Vincent Shimkus of Big Rock, IL, to receive the CSNS scholarship to the ANA summer seminar. Seconded by Leon Thornton. Approved 11-3.

Adult Scholarships: Leon Thornton moved and Ray Lockwood seconded that the guidelines presented by Roger Winkelhake be accepted, subject to fine tuning. Approved.

Tax liability: John Wilson said the local sponsors will bear their share of responsibility for any tax liability incurred because they used the CSNS tax ID number on the interest-bearing checking account.

Eloise Ullman of ICTA asked for permission to solicit contributions on the bourse floor for relief for victims of the Oklahoma City disaster. Granted. She reported ICTA members individually have pledged $2,100.

Convention Medals: John Wilson said he was confident the Kansas City committee will develop a medal program at a reasonable price.

Meeting adjourned.

CSNS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Milwaukee, WI, April 30, 1995

President Foley called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

Florence Schook motioned and Roger Winkelhake seconded that $500 be donated to the Byron Reed Historical Society of Omaha, NE, to help the effort to keep the Reed collection intact. Approved 8-2.

The question of name tags was raised by Ron Horstman, who noted there were none issued to visitors at the Milwaukee convention, and there appeared to be no problems. It was noted, however, that the convention manual requires name tags.

President Foley said he and Marv Mericle would comprise the committee that will negotiate with PNG.

Meeting adjourned.

CSNS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Milwaukee, WI, April 29, 1995

President Foley called the meeting to order.

There was a moment of silence for deceased members, whose names were read.

L 004 Col. James W. Curtis, San Antonio, TX (past president)
L 007 Harry X Boosel, Chicago, IL (past president)
L 102 Rolland H. Willis, Greenfield, IN
L 124 Harold Helm, Oshkosh, WI
L 139 Ed Sedo, Dearborn, MI
L 209 Orlane Kittle, Winona, MN (former board member)
R 1032 Philip J. More, Chattanooga, TN (past president)
R 1670 George D. Benge, Sr., Topeka, KS
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R 2937 Leonard M. Owen, Omaha, NE (past president)
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R 5070 Leonard S. Pearl, St. Louis, MO
R 5178 Mary Hutchison, Muncie, IN
R 5477 Don Carmody, Huntington Beach, CA

CSNS board members and various dignitaries were introduced.

Jerry Lebo presented a secretary's report showing membership currently at approximately 1,950. His treasurer's report was made available and will be published in The Centinel, showing $58,181 in income for the fiscal year ending Feb. 28, with expenses of $48,256. Total assets of the society were $88,984, including $25,286 in usable funds. The remaining funds are tied up in life membership accounts.

An amendment to the constitution reducing from 19 to 18 the age for regular membership was approved by voice vote.

An amendment to the bylaws reducing from 13 to 10 the number of governors was approved by a vote of 16-12.

Florence Schook announced an ANA summer seminar scholarship was awarded to Vincent Shimkus of Big Rock, IL. Florence also said there was a large turnout for the YN program earlier in the day.

Exhibit Chairman Bill Mross presented the awards.

Meeting adjourned.

CENTRAL STATES NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
1994 QUARTERS 1-4 TREASURER'S REPORT
March 1, 1994 through February 28, 1995

INCOME

Dues	$ 14,226.00
Centinel	5,130.00
Convention	29,524.13
Auction	6,000.00
Interest	2,060.25
Medals	690.05
Miscellaneous	551.00
Total	$ 58,181.43

EXPENSES

Secretary	$ 9,961.30
Postage	1,799.11
Board	12,352.64
Centinel	17,921.78
Current Coordinator	289.05
Future Coordinator	0.00
Legal	$ 0.00
Insurance	1,770.00
Convention	573.35
Dues	730.00
Scholarships	1,395.00
Medals	0.00
Computer	185.30
Miscellaneous	1,278.81
Total	$ 48,256.34

Opening balance:	$ 19,015.64
+ Total Income:	58,181.43
- Total Expenses:	48,256.34
- Transfer to LM acct.	3,000.00
- Transfer to YN acct.	654.52
Useable Funds:	$ 25,286.21
Escrow Account:	$ 7,282.00

(This account represents 1995 dues collected prior to March 1 and are not part of the 1994 fiscal year report. The above amount will show as income during the 1995 fiscal year. It is not included in the total assets figure at the end of the report.)

ASSETS:

Life Member Accounts (Treasury Notes)

1.	Treasury Note 034735 (matures 11-15-95) 5.125 pct interest (yield 4.505 pct) Cost $20,585.27 (2.5 year term) (interest paid to CSNS)	$ 20,000.00
2.	Treasury Note 033527 (matures 10-31-97) 5.75 pct interest (yield 5.86 pct) Cost $10,010.60 (5 year term) (interest paid to CSNS)	10,000.00
3.	Treasury Int. Component (STRIP) 034736 Yield 6.15 pct (matures 05-15-2000 for $16,000)	10,297.00
4.	Treasury Int. Component (STRIP) 033528 Yield 7.10 pct (matures 08-15-2002 for $39,000)	19,746.70
	Treasury Notes Total:	$ 60,043.70
5.	LM Savings Acct. No. 92681239 People's Bank - Indpls.	3,000.00
6.	Total Life Member Accounts	$ 63,043.70
7.	General Savings Acct. No. 92681220 People's Bank - Indpls. (includes int. pd)	18,269.84
8.	Checking Account No. 89609093 People's Bank - Indpls.	4,272.00
9.	LM interest (item 5)	26.37
10.	Certificate of Deposit 064519 People's Bank - Indpls (4.25 pct. matures 3-5-95).	10,000.00
11.	Less Escrow Account	-7,282.00
12.	Useable funds (Nos. 7+8+9+10-11)	$ 25,286.21
13.	YN Account No. 92688144 People's Bank - Indpls. (includes int. pd)	654.52
14.	Total life accounts (item 6)	63,043.70
15.	Total assets: (12+13+14)	$ 88,984.43

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Would You Like To Submit An Article To *The Centinel?*

The Central States Numismatic Society welcomes articles related broadly to numismatic themes. All of the material contributed will be entered in competition for the Elston Bradfield Literary Award for the best article to appear in *The Centinel.*

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Articles are to be typed. You may also submit a copy on a disk, identified with the name and version of software used. If disk is submitted, double-spaced printout must accompany disk.

Articles should contain accurate information. Clear photos or drawings to help illustrate your subject can be submitted.

In addition, authors are compensated at a rate of roughly five dollars per 100 words.

If you have a piece you'd like to submit for possible publication, contact the editors — Jim and Karen Jach, P.O. Box 21766, Milwaukee, WI 53221, phone 414/281-4687.

Wildwood, Alberta Trade Token

$2 Wildwood Trade Token Issued

Wildwood Elks Lodge No. 411 of Wildwood, Alberta, Canada, has issued a 38mm $2 municipal trade token to mark World Coin Week (April 16-22), which coincides with National Coin Week in the United States.

The token is valid for $2 at participating merchants in Wildwood until December 31, 1995.

One side of the token depicts a reproduction in miniature of six ancient Greek and Roman coins, along with the inscription "Ancients Are Awesome." The other side depicts an elk with the Rocky Mountains in the background.

Prooflike specimens are available at U.S. $2.25 postpaid each in copper, brass, and nickel-silver from Wildwood Elks Lodge No. 411, P.O. Box 22, Wildwood, Alberta, Canada, T0E 2M0.

A listing of Wildwood's 38mm municipal tokens, issued to mark World Coin Weeks from 1982-1994, is free on request.

Winners of $300 Worth of Littleton Lecture Prizes

A choice uncirculated set of 1945 United States coins was among the nearly $300 worth of numismatic merchandise given away by Littleton Coin Company during an educational program Saturday, April 29, at the Central States Numismatic Society convention.

In honor of his company's 50th anniversary, Littleton President David M. Sundman handed out prizes at his lecture, "Fifty Years in the Making: The Top Ten Tips for Successfully Building Your Collection by Mail."

The cent through half dollar set in a custom-made holder included a limited edition, one-ounce silver medal struck by the Pobjoy Mint of England to commemorate Littleton's anniversary.

Winner of the 1945 coin set and 1995 dated medal was Harry Flower of Wheaton, IL.

Bernie Pawlicki of Minneapolis, MN received a 1995 U.S. proof set and a medal in a special commemorative holder.

And, 13-year-old Stan Mroczkowski, Muskego, WI won a Littleton anniversary silver medal during the prize drawings conducted immediately after the lecture. J.T. Stanton of Georgia originally won the medal, but donated it back for a young numismatists drawing.

All audience members received free copies of the informative booklet, "How to Collect Coins," and were encouraged by Sundman to hand those out to friends to get them interested in the hobby.

Littleton is a family-owned business started in 1945 by Sundman's father, Maynard.

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PNG & CSNS PLAN 1996 PNG DAY

The following statement was issued April 30, 1995 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin by Ira M. Goldberg, president of the Professional Numismatists Guild, Inc. (PNG), following open meeting discussions with the Board of Governors of the Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS) at the CSNS Convention.

"PNG and Central States are good for each other. I am delighted that our long relationship will continue and I eagerly look forward to a successful PNG Day show Thursday, April 25, 1996 as part of the CSNS 57th Anniversary Convention at the Marriott Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri April 26 - 28, 1996.

PNG Executive Director Robert Brueggeman and I will be working with CSNS President Kevin Foley and other CSNS leaders to work out details for next year's event. Contrary to the comments a few other people recently have made, we have a friendly and open relationship.

One of the areas we will be examining is the Wednesday night dealer set-up time. I believe the current set-up hours, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the evening before PNG Day, are not adequate. We will be expanding those set-up hours as part of the agreement being worked out with CSNS officials.

Admission to the 1996 PGN Day in Kansas City will be by invitation only. We will strictly adhere to this policy. PNG Day shows are designed for our PNG member-dealers to personally meet with their customers from around the country, and to show-case our membership to the collecting public.

PNG is not an elite, social club. It is a professional organization whose members demonstrate knowledge, integrity and responsibility, and who agree to follow a strict Code of Ethics to protect and educate consumers."

About the Cover

A surprise collectible from the CSNS 56th Anniversary Convention held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin was a $5 pre-paid telephone card which was limited to an issue of 1,000 cards. The cards were produced by USACard and were given to tableholders at the show and offered for sale at their face value to collectors attending the convention.

THE JOY OF ANCIENTS:

Ancient Coins from the Ottilia Buerger Collection at Lawrence University

Leon A. Saryan, Ph.D.

Ancient coins hold an irresistible fascination for those who have come to know and appreciate them. These tiny messengers from the past can tell us much if we only know how to listen.

I acquired my first ancient coin around the year 1960. Little did I imagine then that, 35 years later, I would be driving through a blinding rainstorm to the Wriston Art Center on the campus of Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin, to view an exhibit formed from one of the foremost private ancient coin collections in the country.

Lawrence University recently became the beneficiary of the generosity of a 1938 alumna and retired teacher, Miss Ottilia Buerger. It was on a chance visit to Gimbels Department Store in Milwaukee in 1958 that Miss Buerger purchased her first coin, a Roman denarius, for about $5.00. As a magna cum laude graduate in Latin, Buerger understood what the coin was about, but not until some time afterward did she begin to consciously build a collection. In this way, a random acquisition (what she termed a "harmless hobby") gradually developed into an abiding fascination with coins of the ancient world that became a lifetime accomplishment.

While viewing the collection and studying the exhibition catalog, I pondered what might motivate those who collect ancient coins. Certainly, one must have an interest in the ancient world, its culture, history, art, and languages. As Miss Buerger explained when she presented her collection to Lawrence in 1991, she hoped that the coins would enrich the lives of new generations of students "with a love of beauty beyond compare."

Fundamentally, I think, the ancient coin enthusiast must possess an active mind, and an abiding curiosity about the world of ideas. These coins offer a refuge from the unfortunately prevailing anti-intellectual tendencies of modern culture, a retreat from the banality of television, tabloid newspapers, and junk literature, to a world ruled by truth, beauty, and a devotion to scholarship. Only a few individuals like Miss Buerger, perhaps, will attain this height, but the potential exists to attract many others in varying degrees if only we can spark their interest. "Most old women sit and knit or play bridge," observes Miss Buerger, "I collect coins." This simple declaration is a remarkable testimony to the ability of coins to stimulate intellectual interests among those who contemplate and collect them.

The exhibit and the coins are a feast for the eyes. The tastefully arrayed collection includes notable examples of the classical Greek and Hellenistic periods in silver and gold, choice coins in all metals of the Roman emperors struck when the Roman Empire was at its height, and gold pieces of the rulers of the Byzantine Empire. Accompanying the exhibit is an attractive catalog containing enlarged photographs and descriptions of each of the coins on display.

Coin lovers unable to view the exhibit personally can obtain the exhibition catalog and keep it as a constant companion and guide. Bearers of Meaning, edited by Associate Professor of Art History Carol Lawton, carefully describes and

illustrates nearly 150 selected quality pieces from the collection, and places them in the context of Mediterranean coinage from its origins around 600 B.C. to the tenth century A.D. A fairly unique feature of the catalog is that its contributors include several Lawrence undergraduate students (who wrote many of the individual coin descriptions) as well as their professors; thus the Buerger collection has already served one of the purposes of its donor, as an instrument for teaching about the history and art of the ancient world.

Separate essays in the catalog are devoted to the methods by which ancient coins were manufactured (Jere Wickens, adjunct assistant professor of anthropology), to the city coinage of classical Greece (Carol Lawton), to Hellenistic coin portraiture (Carol Lawton), to Roman coins as a reflection of Roman history (Daniel J. Taylor, Jones professor of classics), and to the Byzantine gold solidus (Michael Orr, assistant professor of art history). Each of these are learned essays from which even experienced numismatists will benefit.

The central theme of the exhibition and catalog is that in ancient times, "coins were circulated not only as means of exchange, but also as significant bearers of meaning...Since their intrinsic value and artistic merit made them highly regarded objects in themselves, and since their wide circulation guaranteed a large audience for their images, they were the most important popular medium by which a government could communicate images characterizing the state, or, when the state was embodied in an individual, its ruler."

When I visited Lawrence on a rainy day last April, I did not see any portrait coins of my favorite Hellenistic king, Tigranes the Great of Armenia. Accordingly, I wrote to Professor Lawton, who assured me of her hope that the collection might one day attract a donation of such a coin. The silver tetradrachms of Tigranes hold an important place in first century B.C. Hellenistic portraiture, since they illustrate the Armenian monarch wearing a unique and mysterious tiara quite unlike any headgear used by his contemporaries. These coins are available on the market but remain difficult to locate in choice condition. Much rarer, but no less interesting and important, are the silver coins of Artavasdes II, the son and successor of Tigranes.

For collectors interested in coins relating to ancient Armenia, the collection does offer several Roman and Byzantine pieces of exceptional quality and appeal. Coin 77, for example, is a magnificent sestertius of the Emperor Nero, struck ca. 64-66 A.D., to commemorate his victory in Armenia. The reverse bears a depiction of a triumphal arch which is known today only through this coin type. Also on display are two gold aureii of Marcus Aurelius (nos. 102 and 104), a sestertius of Aurelius (no. 103), and an aureus of Lucius Verus (no. 106), struck between 164 and 169 A.D., all of which carry the ARMENIACUS title. These issues illustrate the importance which Rome placed on the recovery of Armenia from the Parthians in the years 163-164. Many of the emperors of Byzantium were of Armenian descent, and the Buerger collection includes gold solidi of some Byzantine emperors of Armenian origin, such as Philippicus Bardanes (711-713 A.D).

Many readers will be excited to learn that such an impressive ancient coin collection is available in Wisconsin. Professor Lawton has written that her ultimate goal is to publish the entire 325 piece collection, and in this connection she welcomes inquiries from scholars who would like to study any of the coins. One can only hope that its availability will stimulate greater understanding and interest in the coinage of the ancient world.

[The 224 page exhibition catalog, Bearers of Meaning, provides enlarged photographs of each coin including several illustrations in color. It may be purchased for $37.50 (including shipping) from Lawrence University Union Station, 615 E. College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54912.]

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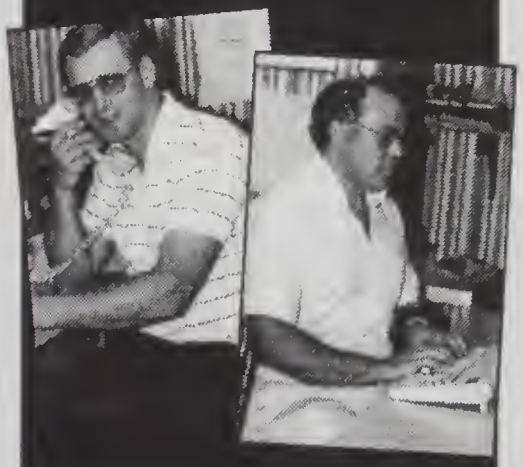

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SLOVAKIAN HISTORY IN COINS

AKIO LIS, YN

While attending the 1994 ANA Summer Conference, I was able to view and study a new exhibit featuring the coins of Slovakia at the ANA Money Museum in Colorado Springs. The ribbon cutting ceremony with officials representing both the ANA and the new Republic of Slovakia took place on July 9, 1994 during the ANA Summer Conference. The exhibits present coins issued from the 3rd century BCE until recent times. The coin types and issuing entities show the history of Slovakia as one of being dominated by foreign powers.

The following attempts to provide an overview of Slovakian history through its coinage.

Coins were first minted in the region of Slovakia, in the Danube basin between the Carpathian and High Tatra Mountains, by Celtic tribes during the third and second centuries BCE. These coins imitated the Roman tetradrachms of the same period. Later, when the Roman Empire dominated the region, Roman coins were minted in Slovakia. After the fall of the Roman Empire in the 4th century, Slovakia was ruled by Slavic tribes that had previously settled in the region, until the establishment of the Greater Moravian Empire, and the conversion of the Slovaks to Christianity, in the 800's. In the 900's, the region was conquered by Magyars tribes from Hungary. These various tribes were united by Stephen I who was proclaimed King of Hungary by Pope Sylvester II in 1000 AD. The coins of these central European empires were also minted in the region of Slovakia. However, the most famous mint in this region is that established

in 1328 at Kremnica. For over 650 years, this mint would produce coins for use all over the world.

The Kremnica mint was founded, as a mint for the Kingdom of Hungary, by the Hungarian king Charles Robert, a member of the Italian branch of the Anjou dynasty, on November 17, 1328 in the mining settlement of Cremnychbana. The settlement had been previously given the privilege of being a free royal mining and minting town. The rich ore deposits in the town's mines allowed for the production of both gold and silver coins. The production of the Kremnica gold ducats with their high quality and beautiful design resulted in the town's nickname of "The Golden City". Indeed, the first coins to be minted by the Kremnica mint were gold florins, or ducats, of King Charles Robert of Hungary. The golden age of Kremnica lasted for over one hundred years.

In the early 15th century the gold deposits were depleted resulting in the issuance of heavy silver coins called "Toliars" in addition to a smaller output of gold coins. Also during this time the first medals were produced by the mint. These were issued in 1508 to commemorate the coronation of Louis II as King of Hungary. Unfortunately, Hungary was soon to be conquered by the Turks in 1528, leading to its eventual takeover by the Hapsburgs, and its assimilation into the Austria Archduchy, and later Empire.

After the ascension of Ferdinand I, Hapsburg, to the Hungarian throne in 1526, the Kremnica mint produced copper, silver and gold coins for the Austrian Archduchy and Empire, the Holy Roman Empire and the Kingdom of Hungary. Many of the later coins were distinguished by the presence of the 'Madonna with child' design. The use of the Kremnica Mint for coin production was indicated through the use of B, K and K-B mintmarks. Up to this point all the coins and medals produced by the mint were hand struck. From 1663, a Taschwerk, or rolling press, was used, only to be replaced by modern screw presses in 1753. The growth of manufacturing and commerce in this region resulted in the production of copper coins and paper banknotes (Bankocetle) during the reign of the Empress Maria Theresa.

During the 1800's, the Slovaks began to establish a national identity. At the same time Hungarian desires for independence from Austria were increasing. By siding with the Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria against the Hungarians, the Slovaks hoped to obtain a national identity. This strategy initially proved to be correct. However, by 1867, Hungary was strong enough to force the creation of a partnership with Austria as the Austro-Hungarian Empire, with the Slovaks once again being relegated to the authority of the Kingdom of Hungary. In addition, Slovak culture and nationalism was suppressed by the attempts of the Hungarians to foster their own culture. The Kremnica mint remained one of the primary mints of the Austro-Hungarian Empire producing coinage for both units of the empire, as well as distinctive Hungarian coinage with an emblematic Hungarian crown on the obverse, until the empire's dissolution after World War I.

During the latter half of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century, leaders of both Slovakian and Czech (representing Bohemia and Moravia) nationalist movements would jointly strive for independence from the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The defeat of the Austro-Hungarian Empire during World War I would finally allow for this to occur. In 1918, the map of Europe changed with the addition of a number of independent countries formed from territory of Germany, the Austro-Hungarian Empire and Turkey. One of these countries combined the Slovakian region with the regions of Bohemia and Moravia, populated by Czechs, to create the country of Czechoslovakia, dominated by the Czechs. The only working mint in this new country was the Kremnica mint which produced the first currency

and circulating coinage of the new nation. Coin obverse designs contained the Czech lion, either alone or within the national emblem. From 1923 to 1939, the mint once again produced high quality gold coins. The Duke of Wenceslas gold trade coins were produced with denominations of 1 Dukat, 2 Dukaty, 5 Dukatu and 10 Dukatu, with obverses containing the Czech lion within a shield.

After the Munich Accord in 1938, Slovakia became an autonomous region of the reformed Czecho-Slovakian Republic. While in 1939 Slovakia declared itself an independent state shortly before the German takeover of the Czech regions of Bohemia and Moravia. During World War II, Czechoslovakia was thus split by the Nazis into the Protectorate of Bohemia-Moravia, and 'independent' country of Slovakia ruled by a nationalistic Fascist government. During this period, distinctive Slovakian coinage was produced at Kremnica. Coin obverses were marked by the presence of the nationalist emblem of double barred cross within a shield, without the presence of foreign symbols such as the Hungarian crown or Czech lion.

After liberation by the Allies in 1945, Slovakia once again became part of a Czechoslovakian nation. After 1948, Czechoslovakia was ruled by Communist governments supported by the USSR. The earliest coinage and currency produced by the Kremnica mint during this period was for the Peoples Republic of Czechoslovakia. In 1960, the country's name was changed to the Socialist Republic of Czechoslovakia. Coinage of the Peoples Republic of Czechoslovakia contain a lion design in which the lion was wearing a crown, and the shield on its shoulder had a vertical line with two horizontal lines crossing over it. The lion on the coinage of the Socialist Republic of Czechoslovakia, however, had a star over its head instead of a crown, and on its shield was a flame instead of the crossed lines. These changes were done to eliminate symbols of the pre-Communist governments.

In 1989, the communist government of Czechoslovakia was overthrown, resulting in the formation of the Czechoslovak Federal Republic. In 1993, this government was dissolved with the peaceful formation of two separate and independent states, The Czech Republic, and the Republic of Slovakia. The Kremnica mint is currently the principal mint of the new Slovak nation, and responsible for the new coinage and currency issues produced 1993 and 1994. The Slovak monetary system has been changed to have a Slovak crown (SK) as its principal denomination. The new circulating coins have obverses with scenes and images representative of the Slovak culture, with reverves, once again, containing a shield enclosing a cross. Commemorative coin issues have had portraits of historically important Slovaks, or historically important world events.

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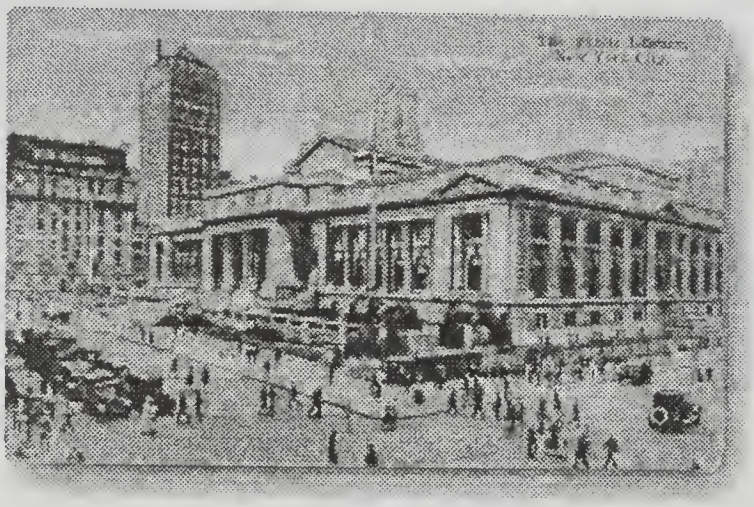

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Have you ever wondered where or when the Central States Numismatic Society Seal or Logo originated? When Hubert Polzer of Milwaukee was President of the Central States Numismatic Society in 1941, the board of directors approved the seal design which is displayed for this story. The selected design was submitted by Chicago artist Anton Jerger. This design has stood the test of time and it is still used by the Central States Numismatic Society as their official seal or logo. Dues at that time were 50 cents and today they are $8.00.

The value of 50 cents in 1951 certainly was a lot more than $8.00 is today. Looking through the Numismatic Scrapbook you could have purchased the following items in 1951 for 50 cents: From Perry O. Ward in Santa Monica, CA an 1857 Flying Eagle Cent in VG+ condition and also a 1931S Cent in G+ condition; an 1884 Nickel in VG from Young's Coin Shop in Brooklyn, NY; an 1817 G condition Large Cent from M.R. Zartman in York New Salem, PA; from W.E. Johnson in Santa Barbara, CA an 1898 P Dime in Fine condition or an 1896 P Quarter in VG condition; Uncirculated examples of U.S. Fractional Currency—4th Issue 10 Cent Liberty or 5th Issue 10 Cent Meredith or 25 Cent Walker from Arthur Conn of Melrose, MA and finally my brother-in-law Charles Opitz tells me that in 1951 you could buy Civil War tokens for 10 or 15 cents each or common Confederate States or old obsolete notes for around 50 cents each.

We all know what $8.00 is worth today. No silver coins are in circulation. It might get you an XF common date Silver Dollar or a later date Indian Head cent in VF condition. It hardly has the purchasing power of the 50 cent dues of 1951. Yet, it will get your friend, family member or anyone else that you know a membership in the Central States Numismatic Society. If your coin club doesn't belong I urge you to have them join at the next meeting you attend. Since 1939, CSNS has worked hard to make our organization one of the greatest in the country. With four quarterly award winning journals (*The Centinel*) and a chance to win one of our annual scholarship awards, the price of joining the CSNS is very reasonable. We also pay for articles and give out writers awards at our annual spring convention. Exhibit awards at our annual convention are probably the best you will win from any organization you might belong to. I will also add that we have one of the top three annual coin conventions held in the country.

I would also urge you to get a life membership for $125. If you are a dealer and take a table at our Spring or Fall show—a life membership makes sense—as you won't have to worry about whether you are a member or not when you fill out the coin convention application. Junior membership is only $1. Get an application and join up the next junior you meet (17 and under). Any organization has strength in numbers and I ask all of our members to sign up at least one new member, before the end of the year. If you need CSNS applications just write to our Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Lebo at: P.O. Box 44337, Indianapolis, Indiana 46244.

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OWLS OF THE GOLDEN AGE OF ATHENS

In the fifth century B.C., the city of Athens became the most prosperous and powerful state in Greece. Under their great statesman Pericles, the Athenians built an empire through their leadership of the Delian League, an anti-Persian military alliance. The tetradrachms of Athens, popularly known as "owls" because of their reverse design, are wonderful artifacts of the city's Golden Age. These distinctive silver coins were struck from the wealth that poured into Athens from her own silver mines and from the cities under her rule. Athenian "owls" became the standard currency of the Aegean region. In about 449 B.C., Athens issued a decree directing her subject states to cease coining silver and use Athenian coins in all transactions with the city. The reputation of "owls" as a stable currency was so great that they were used for trade far and wide. Hoards of Athenian tetradrachms have been found from Sicily and Italy in the west to Afghanistan in the east.

The Athenians used the great wealth the city now possessed to rebuild the temples burned down by the Persians in 480 B.C. For this purpose, Pericles appropriated the colossal sum of 5,000 talents (equal to 7,500,000 tetradrachms) from the treasury of the Delian League. The greatest of these temples was the Parthenon, begun in 447 B.C. Under the direction of the sculptor Phidais, the greatest architects and sculptors of the day labored to produce the finest of all Classical Greek buildings. The city's wealth also helped pay for the production of dramas performed as part of the festival of Dionysus, held each spring. The tragedies of Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides, and the comedies of Aristophanes which were written and performed during Athens' Golden Age are still acted today. The city had also become a center of learning.

This was the era of the philosopher Socrates and his star pupil Plato, who, in their search for knowledge and understanding of the human condition, left an enduring legacy. That literature, philosophy, and art should flourish in the city which took its name from the goddess of wisdom, Athena, seems appropriate.

Athens' wealth and power aroused the envy of other Greek states, especially Sparta. In 431 B.C., the great contest between the two city-states and their allies known as the Peloponnesian War began. At the outset of the war, Athens had a reserve of 6,000 talents (9,000,000 tetradrachms) in coined silver lodged in the opisthodomos (treasury) of the Parthenon. However, plague (which took the life of Pericles in 429 B.C.) and ill-conceived military ventures (such as the disastrous campaign of 415-413 B.C. against Syracuse) proved to be the city's undoing. In 404 B.C., she surrendered to Sparta and dismantled her fortifications. Athens would become a power again in the fourth century B.C., but she never regained the dominant position she attained before the Peloponessian War.

Because of what they represent, Athenian "owls" are among the most sought-after of ancient coins. Weighing in at about 17.20 grams each, they are of almost pure silver. On the obverse of these coins is the head of Athena, wearing a crested helmet decorated with three olive leaves and a floral scroll. Although Athena's head is shown in profile, her eye is shown frontally—an archaic feature which may have been retained due to a reluctance to tamper with a recognized symbol of financial stability. On the reverse is Athena's companion, the owl.

According to Greek legend, Athena's owl flew around the world each night to bring back to the goddess news of the day's events. Behind the owl is a sprig of olive (a reference to the city's chief agricultural export, olive oil) and a crescent moon (possibly

commemorating Athens' great naval victory over the Persians at Salamis in 480 B.C., fought during the last quarter of the moon).

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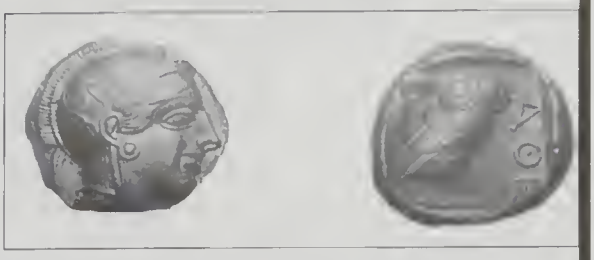

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2. AU, nicely cleaned, **$900.**

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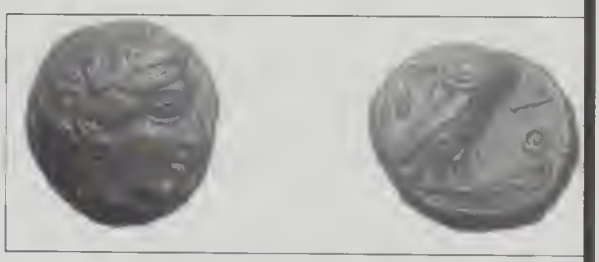

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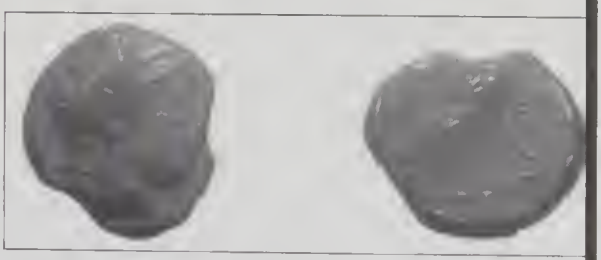

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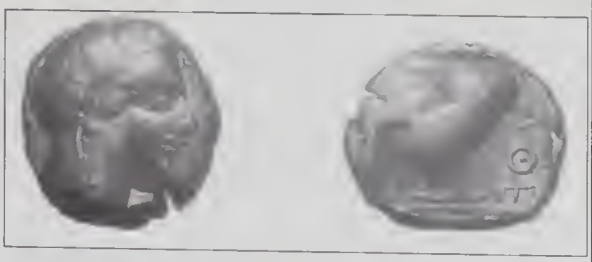

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Reagan In Your Pocket?

Public Wants Presidents & King On Coins

An Artist's conception of how U.S. coins might look depicting Ronald Reagan, Harry S. Truman, and Martin Luther King, Jr., the top names in a public survey of who should appear on our pocket change.

(Littleton, New Hampshire) — A nationwide survey indicates Ronald Reagan and Harry S. Truman should join other former presidents already in your pocket change. The public wants them portrayed on U.S. coins.

"Reagan was the number one choice, followed by Truman. Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. also was a strong nominee for a new coin design," said David M. Sundman, President of Littleton Coin Co., Littleton, New Hampshire, who conducted the survey to celebrate the company's 50th anniversary.

One fifth (21.88 percent) of the 2,307 collectors responding to the survey want to see U.S. presidents portrayed on coins. Reagan received 103 votes, Truman 97. Assassinated civil rights leader King received 95 votes.

Among the other chief executives receiving coin design votes were:

Jimmy Carter (56)	Bill Clinton (13)
Theodore Roosevelt (48)	Franklin D. Roosevelt (13)
Richard Nixon (45)	Ulysses S. Grant (11)
George Bush (22)	Woodrow Wilson (9)

Ninety-seven survey respondents recommended "former presidents or presidents not currently on coins" without specifically naming any particular person. Current U.S. coins depict Presidents Lincoln (cent), Jefferson (nickel), Roosevelt (dime), Washington (quarter), and Kennedy (half dollar).

Also ranked among the top ten people who collectors believe should be honored on U.S. coins are astronaut Neil Armstrong, Rev. Billy Graham and Elvis Presley.

"However, we did not ask if they want a 'young' Elvis or an 'older' Elvis portrait," said Sundman, referring to the U.S. Postal Service design debate over the 1993 Presley postage stamp.

About three percent of those questioned think current coin designs should remain the same and not be changed.

Sundman has submitted the survey results and an artist's drawing of possible Reagan, Truman and King coin designs to U.S. Mint Director Philip N. Diehl.

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LITTLETON COIN CO. SURVEY RESULTS:

TOP TEN NOMINEES FOR NEW U.S. COIN DESIGNS

1) Ronald Reagan
2) Harry S. Truman
3) Martin Luther King, Jr.
4) Jimmy Carter
5) Theodore Roosevelt
6) Richard Nixon
7) Neil Armstrong/Rev. Billy Graham
8) Elvis Presley
9) Babe Ruth
10) John Wayne

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LETTERS

April 30, 1995

Mr. Kevin Foley, President
Central States Numismatic Society
P.O. Box 589
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Dear Mr. Foley:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the officers of the Central States Numismatic Society for the wonderful 1995 CSNS Elston Bradfield Literary Award which was awarded to me at last night's annual convention banquet, in recognition of my contributions to the Society's quarterly publication, *The Centinel*. I will proudly display the plaque in our den.

It was indeed an honor to have my work so generously recognized. I particularly wish to thank all of the hard-working CSNS members who made the 1995 banquet and convention such a memorable one for my wife and me. Special thanks go to Karen and Jim Jach who do such a good job editing *The Centinel,* and Nancy and John Wilson who helped facilitate the arrangements for the slide talk I gave earlier in the day.

Thank you again for bestowing this distinct honor upon me.

Sincerely,

Leon A. Saryan, Ph.D.
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May 5, 1995

Dear Members:

Despite the fact that the members who responded to a recent mail survey overwhelmingly voted, by a margin of two to one, that they wished to eliminate the PNG day at future CSNS conventions, the board of governors failed to follow the membership's wishes.

After an open discussion period on Saturday at the recent convention in

Milwaukee which allowed all interested groups and individuals to state their position, I moved that the entire bourse area be open for all dealers to set up from 2 to 9 p.m. on Thursday and that Friday, Saturday and Sunday be open to the public. Not to ignore the PNG's past support, Friday would be designated as PNG day with their members set up in a designated area with appropriate recognition. My motion was immediately amended to have a committee appointed to negotiate any changes in the PNG's participation. The amendment was approved and my motion was never voted on. As things stand now, the 1996 CSNS convention in Kansas City will have a full PNG day Thursday as in past years. The intent of the committee seems to be to only shorten the Thursday PNG day by a few hours. If you feel that your decision is being ignored, read the minutes of Saturday's meeting and contact the governors and officers.

Ronald Horstman

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Boy Scouts participating in the coin collecting merit badge clinic sponsored by the Milwaukee Numismatic Society.

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Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic Attracts 86 Scouts

The Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic held April 22 in Milwaukee on the last date of National Coin Week was sponsored by the Milwaukee Numismatic Society.

The society's 15th annual clinic was held at the Marshall & Ilsley Bank, 770 N. Water St., in downtown Milwaukee. MNS members Gene Norman and Karl Kuryla chaired the clinic. They were assisted in this year's registration by Todd Dulmes, Boy Scouts of America District Executive for Milwaukee County.

All scouts were required to have a date set of coins from when they were born to 1994. Also required were a type set of coins from cent through quarter, which should include at least one coin with a P and D mint mark.

The scouts viewed the film, "Coins of the World — History in Metal." After the movie, the scouts were tested in five areas.

The presenters were Dave Hunsicker, "Mints and Mint Marks"; Gene Norman, "Designer's Initials"; Roger Lick, "Grading Coins"; and John Wilson, "Paper Money."

Buffalo nickels were passed out to all of the scouts and door prizes were awarded. As the scouts left the clinic, each was presented with a bag containing donated numismatic items.

CSNS Seeks Auction Proposals

The Central States Numismatic Society is seeking auction proposals for upcoming conventions.

CSNS seeks proposals for a major, primary auction, but would also entertain bids for peripheral sales, such as those involving numismatic literature, ancients, exonumia, currency and the like. The awarding of a secondary auction right would be subject to approval by the primary auctioneer.

Such proposals should include, but not be limited to: duration, auction right fees, scheduling of viewing and bidding, security requirements, liability and the like. CSNS also will take into consideration factors such as past performances, reputation and financial stability in deciding which firm is awarded the auction rights.

Any agreement reached between CSNS and an auctioneer will become effective with the 1997 convention in Indianapolis. Future CSNS conventions now on the itinerary are St. Louis in 1998 and Milwaukee in 1999.

Although a three-year agreement beginning in 1997 would be desirable, the CSNS Board of Governors will consider other proposals regarding duration.

Bids should propose a specific dollar amount for each year of the agreement. However, the CSNS Board also would consider bids based on percentage of sales, providing a minimum amount is guaranteed.

All proposals must be in the hands of the secretary no later than Sept. 1, 1995. Please direct any questions to him as well.

Simply put, CSNS seeks a first-class auction program to be offered in conjunction with its conventions.

Bids should be sent to: Jerry Lebo, Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 44337, Indianapolis, IN 46244 (Phone: 317-889-4253).

Central States Numismatic Society
56th Anniversary Convention

Milwaukee, Wisconsin — April 28-30, 1995

EXHIBIT AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Exhibit Chairman Bill Mross reported that 35 exhibits encompassing 100 cases were on display.

The best-of-show winner received a 1-ounce gold American Eagle. The junior best-of-show winner received a half-ounce gold American Eagle. First place winners received a half-ounce gold American Eagle, second place winners received a quarter-ounce gold American Eagle and third place received a tenth-ounce gold American Eagle.

Best of Show

Jack D. Huggins, Jr., "Walking Liberty Half Dollars"

Junior Best of Show

Justin Perrault, "Japanese Coins"

Most Educational Exhibit

Raphael Ellenbogen, "Small Size Currency Errors"

U.S. Coins

1st place — Jack D. Huggins, Jr., "Walking Liberty Half Dollars"
2nd place — Gerald L. Kochel, "The Magnificent Seven Large One-Cents"
3rd place — Robert R. Kutcher, "A 1901 One Cent Transition"

Gold Coins

1st place — Kevin Dailey, "U.S. Mints and Mint Marks"
2nd place — Jack D. Huggins, Jr., "U.S. McKinley Memorial Gold Dollars"
3rd place — Julius Dudzinski, "The San Francisco Minters"

Coins Prior to 1500 A.D.

1st place — Kevin Dailey, "The Good Emperors & a Denarii of Each"
2nd place — Robert R. Kutcher, "A Caeser's Short Reign"

Foreign Coins After 1500 A.D.

1st place — Gene Norman, "Channel Island Coinage"
2nd place — Mark Wieclaw, "U.S. Territorial Coinage for the Philippine Islands"
3rd place — Julius Dudzinski, "Polish Uprising Coins"

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1st place — Bill Bradimore, "Spinner's Likeness on Fractional Currency"
2nd place — Karen Jach, "Pioneer Family Notes"
3rd place — Raphael Ellenboegen, "Small Size Currency Errors"

Medals, Tokens, and Decorations

1st place — John Eshbach, "Medals of the Winter Olympic Games"
2nd place — J. Alan Bricker, "Bronze Papal Medals"
3rd place — Don Hespe, "Nebraska Centennial Medals"

Miscellaneous

1st place — Tom Casper, "Money and Its Uses"
2nd place — Mark Wieclaw, "1984 Bergoff Chips"
3rd place — John Schroeder, "Prince of Wales"

Junior

1st place — Justin Perrault, "Japanese Coins"
2nd place — Rebecca Lehr, "Animal Coins"

LITERARY AWARDS

The Elston G. Bradfield Literary Award for best article appearing in *The Centinel* was presented to Leon A. Saryan, Ph.D. for his article "Some Ancient Copper Hoards of Tiganes II of Armenia."

A second place writer's award was awarded to Robert Leonard, Jr. and Steven Zitowsky for their article "Pacific Island Bark Cloth Money."

The Daniel Parker Literary Award for best article written by a junior member was awarded to Rian Thum for his article "Coins in the Economic Revival of the Middle Ages."

Convention Photo Highlights

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CSNS President Kevin Foley cuts ribbon to open show.

David Sundman of Littleton Coin Co. presenting educational seminar.

Educational forum presented by Fred Schwan, Neil Shafer and Anthony Swiatek.

General Chairman Bob Korosec & Assistant General Chairman John Wilson.

Banquet opening remarks by Master of Ceremonies Chet Krause.

Roger Winkelhake received a numismatic Ambassador Award from Cliff Mishler.

Elston Bradfield literary award winner Leon Saryan accompanied by his wife, Shirley.

Best-in-Show award winner Jack Huggins, Jr. Award presented by Wayne Boosel.

Junior Best-in-Show award winner Justin Perrault. Award presented by Gloria Owen.

Most Educational award winner Raphael Ellenboegen. Award presented by Darlene Highsmith.

Bob Hendershott, John Eshbach, Jerry Kochel, and Jack Huggins, Jr. relaxing in the regency ballroom.

Jack Huggins, Jr. and Marjorie Hendershott enjoying the banquet.

The Nebraska delegation to CSNS.

Betty and Ray Lefman relaxing after a busy day.

1st Place Exhibit Award Winners

2nd Place
Exhibit Winners.

3rd Place
Exhibit
Winners.

Exhibit Chairman
Bill Mross with
assistants George
Neuner and Tom
Artus.

Rollie Finner at
the Communi-
cation Center.

Show Calendar

Show Chairmen are invited to send announcements of upcoming coin shows in the Central States region. The Show Calendar is intended to assist collectors and dealers in planning their show attendance. It is also designed to aid show sponsors in avoiding date conflicts. Show dates will be listed up to 12 months in advance and show sponsors are encouraged to submit dates for future shows through December, 1996. Please include the city where the show will be held, official name of the show, show dates and location, as well as the name, address and phone number of the show or bourse chairman. Send to Jim or Karen Jach, P.O. Box 21766, Milwaukee, WI 53221.

1995 SHOW CALENDAR

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN—JUNE 30-JULY 2

Mid America Coin Convention, MECCA Convention Center, 500 W. Kilbourn Avenue, Milwaukee, WI. Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 589, Milwaukee, WI 53201. 414/282-2388

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA — JULY 9, AUGUST 13, SEPTEMBER 10, OCTOBER 8, NOVEMBER 12, DECEMBER 10

2nd Sunday Coin & Currency Show Knights of Columbus, 2100 E. 71st St., (1 block west of 71st & Keystone Ave.), Indianapolis, IN. Jennifer Roessler, P.O. Box 20861, Indianapolis, IN 46220. 327/576-9001

CINCINNATI, OHIO — SEPTEMBER 15-17

Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Exposition 12th Annual Show, Drawbridge Inn and Convention Center (I-75 Exit #186 between Cincinnati and the Airport). Paul Padget, 726 W. Wyoming Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45215. 513/821-2143; FAX 513/821-3618

LENEXA, KANSAS — SEPTEMBER 16-17

The Johnson County Numismatic Society Coin Show. Lenexa Community Center, Pflumm Road at Santa Fe Trail Drive. Joe Scarlett, 12612 W. 104th Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66215. 913/492-7973

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS — SEPTEMBER 17

Rockford Area Coin Club Show, Ramada Inn - Hoffman House, 7550 E. State St. Ralph Winquist, 1004 C Street, Rockford, IL 61107.

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN — SEPTEMBER 22-24

Milwaukee Numismatic Society 61st Anniversary Show, MECCA Convention Center, 4th and Kilbourn, John Rdzak, P.O. Box 26271, Wauwatosa, WI 53226.

HOMEWOOD, ILLINOIS — SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1

Illinois Numismatic Association Fall Show & Convention, Best Western Hotel, 17400 S. Halsted (I-80 & Rte. 1 Interchange), Homewood, IL. Kermit Wasmer, 325 Coney Ave., Watseka, IL 60970. 815/432-4636

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY — OCTOBER 13-15

Kentucky State Numismatic Association 35th Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Louisville Coin Club, Executive Inn, 978 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY 40213. Harry Tileston, P.O. Box 43744, Louisville, KY 40253-0744. 502/244-2555

SALINA, KANSAS — OCTOBER 14-15

Salina Coin Club Show, VFW - 1108 West Crawford. Salina Coin Club, Box 1111, Salina, Kansas 67402.

DEARBORN, MICHIGAN — NOVEMBER 24-26

Michigan State Numismatic Society 40th Annual Fall Convention, Hyatt Regency Hotel, One Fairlane Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126. Don Charters, P.O. Box 85424, Westland, MI 48185. 313/721-4991

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1996 SHOW CALENDAR

MUNCIE, INDIANA — JANUARY 21

Muncie Coin Club 39th Annual Coin Show. Ball State University, Student Center-Cardinal Hall, 2200 University Ave. Ray Saylor, P.O. Box 1184, Muncie, IN 47302. 317/288-0371

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS — MARCH 29-31

Chicago International Coin Fair, Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 301 East North Water St., Chicago, IL. Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 573, Milwaukee, WI 53201. 414/282-2388

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI — APRIL 25-28

Central States Numismatic Society's 57th Annual Convention, Bartle Hall Convention Center, 301 West 13th, Kansas City, MO 64105. Ralph Hardman 913/649-5633

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN — JUNE 28-30

MidAmerica Coin Convention, MECCA Convention Center, 500 W. Kilbourn Ave., Milwaukee, WI. Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 573, Milwaukee, WI 53201. 414/282-2388

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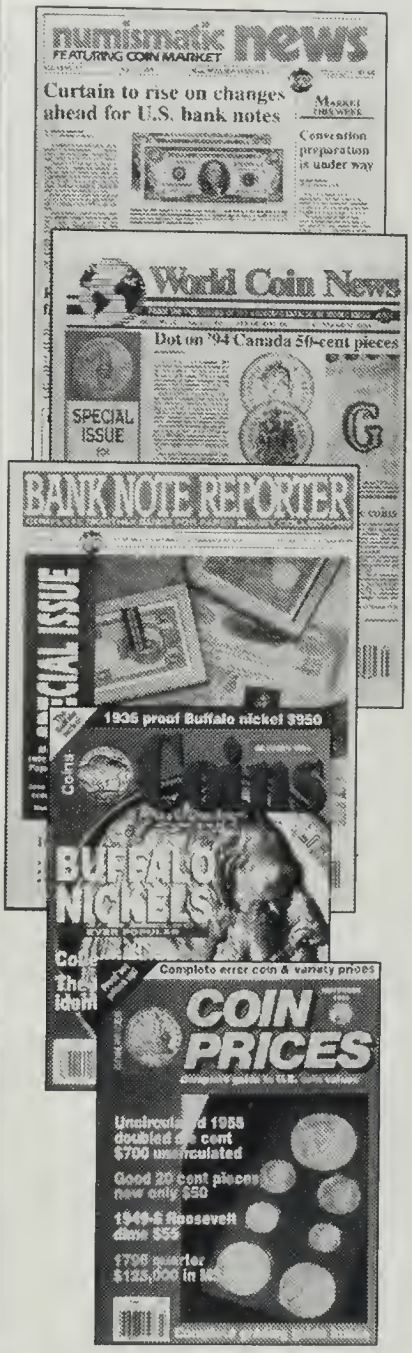

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